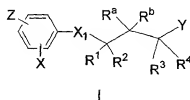


**ABSTRACT**

Inhibitors of the cytosolic phospholipase A2 enzymes are provided which are of use in controlling a wide variety of inflammatory diseases.

- 5 The inhibitors of the present invention have the general formula



- 10 wherein X, Z, X<sub>1</sub>, R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>a</sup>, R<sup>b</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup> and Y are as defined in the specification.